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SUBJECT: RESEND: MARSHALL PLAN 60TH ANNIVERSARY

¶1. (U) This is an action request. See paragraphs 6 & 7.

¶2. (U) The year 2007 marks the 60th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, arguably the most significant American diplomatic and economic initiative towards Europe in our nations' history. In the aftermath of World War II, the Marshall Plan represented the U.S. vision for rebuilding the economies of a continent devastated by two wars in thirty years.

¶3. (U) In his famous remarks on June 5, 1947 at Harvard University, Secretary of State George C. Marshall offered U.S. support if Europe were to launch an initiative for its own recovery. On July 12, 1947, representatives of 16 European nations and the western zones of Germany met in Paris to plan a joint response to Marshall's offer.

Commemorative Events

¶4. (U) The Tri-Missions of France -- U.S. Mission to the OECD, Embassy Paris and the U.S. Mission to UNESCO -- are planning a number of activities in 2007 to commemorate this important anniversary. In particular, the Missions are organizing a symposium on June 13th at the George C. Marshall Center in the Hotel de Talleyrand, entitled, The Marshall Plan: Lessons Learned for the 21st Century.⁸

¶5. (U) The symposium will review historic, diplomatic, economic, and strategic aspects of the program in an effort to address their applicability today. Scholars, historians, government officials, students and business people from Europe and the United States will discuss lessons the Marshall Plan holds for today's challenges, particularly those of building capacity and sustainable development in today's emerging market economies.

Marshall Plan Country Invitations

¶6. (U) To ensure representation from Marshall Plan countries at the symposium, Posts in Marshall Plan capitals are requested to submit a list of names and mailing addresses of appropriate guests to be invited from their respective countries. Of high priority, Posts are encouraged to include any individuals that were part of delegations to the original Paris conference and/or associated with administering the Marshall program in their respective countries, as well as important think tanks such as the German Marshall Fund.

¶7. (U) Please identify your recommended guest list in descending order of priority, one (1) representing the highest priority participation. Please also highlight those individuals who are former members of Marshall delegations that will receive special recognition during the symposium.

¶8. (U) Submissions can be emailed to Jane Delbene,
Public Affairs, U.S. Mission to the OECD at
delbenejl@state.gov, no later than March 23, 2007.
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